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August 16, 2016

Office of the General Manager

Mr. Andrew Seligman (3WP42)
NPDES Enforcement Branch
Water Protection Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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RE: INFORMATION REQUIREMENT, Section 308 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 1318 to Washington Aqueduct, 5900 MacArthur Boulevard, Washington, DC 20016, Baltimore District, US Army Corps of Engineers

Dear Mr. Seligman:

The following information is submitted in accordance with the subject request for information letter dated January 6, 2016. In our February 12, 2016, letter to you we said we would send monthly updates as of the 15th of the month reporting on dredging activity at the Georgetown sedimentation basins in the prior 30 days.

This update is for the period July 16 thru August 15, 2016.

On Saturday, 23 July 2016 the two residuals pumps at the Georgetown Sedimentation Basins failed. These pumps are in the chamber to which the dredges pump the residuals. Those pumps then move the dredged residuals via a two mile long pipe from Georgetown back to the Residuals Processing Facility at the Dalecarlia Reservoir. An electric motor/mechanical repair facility is currently making repairs to the pump and motor assemblies, and we expect their return by 29 August 2016.

To prepare for the commercial dredging, our in-house dredge had to be disconnected and moved out of the way. As a result of our preparations for the commercial dredging and then the mechanical failure of the large pumps only 17,606 pounds of sediment were removed during this period.

We put the commercial dredging contractor on hold so we could make the aforementioned repairs. Barring any unforeseen issues with the repaired pumps' installation

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and testing, we expect them back in service on 1 September 2016, and we will have the commercial dredging company on site as quickly as they can mobilize.

I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this submission to be true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations. I certify as having responsibility for the persons who, acting under my direct instruction, made the verification that is information is true, accurate, and complete.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Jacobus General Manager

cc: Mr. James Bemis